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IN THE CLAIMS

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Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A receiver for a communication system including a plurality of base stations and a plurality of receivers, each base station transmitting a respective CDMA signal including data intended for each of a set of one or more of the receivers, the data intended for each of the receivers being encoded in the CDMA signal using a respective spreading code for that receiver; ~~receiver,~~ the receiver including:

reception means for receiving a signal including CDMA signals;

~~one or more~~ a plurality of branch processing means, the reception means being capable of transmitting the received signal to ~~the or each~~ branch processing means, ~~the or each~~ branch processing means corresponding to a respective one of the base stations and arranged to modify the received signal by the operations of:

(i) data ~~equalisation~~ equalization, based on a respective filter using a respective set of weights; and

(ii) decoding the spreading code for the receiver;

decision means for using the an output of ~~the or each~~ branch processing means to generate an error signal and an estimate signal indicative of the data in the received signal intended for the receiver; and

adaptation means for modifying ~~the or each~~ the respective set of weights using the error signal.

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2. (Original) A receiver according to claim 1 for use in a communications system in which the CDMA signal transmitted by each base station is encoded using a respective scrambling code for that base station, and said decoding uses the scrambling code of the corresponding base station.

3. (Currently Amended) A receiver according to claim 2, ~~wherein in which~~
~~there are at least two said branch processing means;~~
said decision means ~~combining~~ combines the outputs of the ~~at least two~~ plurality of
branch processing means into a combined signal ~~to generate a combined signal, and using the~~
~~combined signal to generate the error signal and the estimate of the data in the received signal~~
~~intended for the receiver.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A receiver according to claim 3, adapted to receive CDMA signals with a processing gain of N;
said reception means generating G measurements in each chip duration of the CDMA signal, where G is an integer;
each of said set of weights consisting of $G(2M+1)$ weights, where M is an integer;
said combined signal being a sum over the branch processing means of the product
[[of]]of:

(i) a vector derived from said spreading code for the receiver and the scrambling code of the corresponding base station;

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- (ii) a data matrix composed of said measurements and having $G(2M+1) \times N$ components; and
- (iii) the set of weights for ~~that the~~ the respective branch processing means.

5. (Previously Presented) A receiver according to claim 3 in which the detection means is arranged to generate said error signal as the difference between said combined signal and a correction signal.

6. (Original) A receiver according to claim 5 in which said detection means includes a non-linear function unit for generating said correction signal from said combined signal using a non-linear function.

7. (Original) A receiver according to claim 5 in which the detection means includes a training sequence input for receiving a training sequence, and a switch for selectively deriving said correction signal as a signal input to said training sequence input or the output of the decision means.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of extracting data intended for a first user from one or more CDMA signals, each broadcast by a respective base station, ~~the or each~~ CDMA signal including data intended for the first user and data intended one or more other users, the data for each user being encoded using a respective spreading ~~[[code;]]code~~, the method including:

receiving a signal including the one or more CDMA signals;

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transmitting the received signal along ~~one or more~~ a plurality of processing branches corresponding to different respective ~~said~~ base stations;

~~in the or each branch~~ modifying the received signal in each processing branch by the operations of:

(i) data ~~equalisation~~ equalization in respect of the corresponding base station, based on a respective set of weights; and

(ii) decoding, using the spreading code for the first user; using an output signal generated ~~generating from the outputs of the or each processing branch an output signal, and using the output signal to~~ derive an error signal[[,]] and an estimate signal indicative of the data in the received signal intended for the first user; and modifying ~~said each respective set~~ sets of weights using the error signal.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8 ~~in which, wherein~~ the CDMA signal transmitted by each base station is encoded using a respective scrambling code ~~for that base station, and said decoding uses using the~~ scrambling code of the corresponding base station.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein-in which ~~the received signal is transmitted along at least two of said processing branches;~~ said decision means output signal comprises a combined signal generated by combining the outputs of the ~~at least two~~ plurality of processing branches ~~to generate a combined signal, and~~ using the combined signal ~~to generate the error signal and the estimate of the data in the~~ received signal intended for the receiver.

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11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10 ~~in which~~ wherein said CDMA signals have a processing gain of N;
said step of receiving a signal includes generating G measurements in each chip duration of the CDMA signal, where G is an integer;
each of said set of weights ~~consists of~~ comprises $G(2M+1)$ weights, where M is an integer; and
said combined signal is a sum over the processing branches of the product ~~of~~ of:
(i) a vector derived from said spreading code for the first ~~user~~ receiver and the scrambling code of the corresponding base station;
(ii) a data matrix composed of said measurements and having $(G(2M+1) \times N)$ components, and
(iii) the set of weights for ~~that the~~ the respective processing branch.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 10 in which said error signal is the difference between said combined signal and a correction signal.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12 further including generating said correction signal from said combined signal using a non-linear function.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 12 further including deriving said correction signal as a selection from an input training sequence or the estimate signal.

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450111-0368615. (Currently Amended) A communication system ~~including comprising:~~a plurality of base ~~stations~~ stations; anda plurality of receivers, each base station being arranged to transmit a respective CDMA signal including data intended for each of a set of ~~one two~~ or more of the receivers encoded using a respective spreading code for the respective ~~receiver~~ receiver, each receiver including:

reception means for receiving a signal including CDMA signals;

~~one or more~~ a plurality of branch processing means, the reception means transmitting the received signal to ~~the or~~ each branch processing means, ~~the or~~ each branch processing means corresponding to a respective one of the base stations and arranged to modify the received signal by the operations of:

- (i) ~~data equalisation~~ equalization, based on a respective set of weights; and
- (ii) decoding, using the spreading code for that receiver;

decision means for using an output of ~~the or~~ each branch processing means to derive an error signal and an estimate of the data in the received signal intended for ~~that~~ the respective receiver; andadaptation means for modifying said respective set ~~sets of~~ weights using the error signal.

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